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NEWS BRIEFS

Rose-Hulman Pre-law club active

by William B. Pickett
Pre-law advisor

This year a new Rose-Hulman student organization, the Pre-law club, has undertaken a series of activities of interest to its members and anyone considering the possibility of a career in law.

Having just received its charter last fall, it provided opportunities for its members to travel to law school admissions forums in Bloomington and Chicago where representatives from some 60 law schools were on hand to talk about their school and the legal profession in general.

Last week, the club invited four attorneys from the local area who are graduates of Rose-Hulman to spend an evening talking about their careers, how they became interested, how they use their time, and how much money starting lawyers make. Those present included Max Goodwin of Terre Haute, and David Badger, William Woodard,

and Jim Sayles of Indianapolis. They did not mention their own salaries but indicated that starting salaries range from \$35,000 to \$60,000, depending upon such variables as grades in law school, the size and location of the firm that hires them, and the kind of law they are practicing.

Finally, in the weeks ahead the Pre-law club is organizing an LSAT (the law school graduate aptitude test) practice session for Rose-Hulman students. All students are welcome to attend. For more information contact, Rob Piper, box 828.

William B. Pickett, professor of history, Moench Hall A204 is the Pre-law club advisor. Anyone interested in the possibility of a law career should contact him at ext. 8303 or by stopping at his office. Anyone interested in taking the LSAT this summer or next fall should obtain an application from him by May 11.

Holthaus selected as Student Leader of the Month

by Joe Graves
SGA Publicity Committee

The Student Government Association has selected Todd Holthaus as February's Student Leader of the Month. The honor is given to a Rose student who is dedicated to excellence and shows outstanding leadership.

Holthaus is a junior electrical engineering student from

Pana, IL. He was a Sophomore Adviser last year and was awarded the honors of All-American and Academic All-American in football this past season, showing his dedication to succeed and his leadership ability.

The SGA will hold a dinner in Todd's honor and present him with a plaque recognizing his achievements on April 14.

College Community Orchestra to perform at the Woods

The College Community Orchestra concludes their 1992-93 season on Sunday, March 28, 1993 with a performance at 2 p.m. in the Cecilian Auditorium at SMWC. "Marches For All Occasions" is the theme of the concert.

The College-Community Orchestra is a volunteer ensemble of students from SMWC, Rose-Hulman, and Indiana State University, and community members who enjoy performing together. The orchestra is conducted by Woods faculty member Laura Savage.

Sunday's concert showcases different styles of marches. German and English military marches are featured in the traditional "British Grenadi-

ers," Schubert's "Marche Militaire" and Beethoven's "Turkish March." The world of opera is presented in the "March of the Toreadors" from Bizet's opera "Carmen." "Radetzky March" by Johann Strauss gives a musical picture of turn-of-the-century Vienna. The program rounds out with a contemporary march by Prokofiev, and the whimsical "March Past of the Kitchen Utensils" by Vaughan Williams.

The graduating seniors, Alexis Bowlds, Bill O'Connell and Bill Schomer, will also be recognized during the concert.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information contact Laura Savage at 535-5154.

Bookstore is "competitive"

At the President's Administrative Council meeting on March 10, 1993, Pete Gustafson commented about the competitive pricing that exists in the Rose-Hulman bookstore.

Gustafson reported that, "our bookstore prices for textbooks and sportswear is as low as on any campus." His remarks pertained to a recent meeting of bookstore managers that he and Anita Creasey attended in Chicago.

As an example, Gustafson noted that the Rose-Hulman bookstore pricing for Gear sportswear is \$10 to \$15 lower than other campus bookstores. Local retailers are being contacted about including Rose-Hulman athletic wear among their merchandise. Currently, only the J.C. Penney store at Honey Creek Mall has agreed to sell Rose-Hulman sportswear.



The Engineers in concert take the stage March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Moench Hall Auditorium.

Students, faculty set to display musical talents

Students and faculty at Rose-Hulman will put aside textbooks and concentrate on Chopin, Mozart and Joplin during the college's 13th Engineers in Concert program on March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Moench Hall Auditorium.

The free concert, the final show of Rose-Hulman's 1992-93 Fine Arts Series, gives students and faculty an opportunity to showcase their musical talents. The college's Jazz Ensemble and Glee Club are also performing in the two-hour program.

"Our students and faculty enjoy the opportunity to present another side of their personalities, and interact with fellow classmates and professors out of the classroom," says mechanical engineering professor Mallory North, who organizes the concert.

A case in point is the duo featuring vocalist Joseph Wendel, a sophomore from Nobelsville, and Frank Acker, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering. They will perform "The Vagabond" and "Whither Must I Wander," selections from

"Songs of Travel" by R.L. Stevenson & R.V. Williams. Acker will also join saxophone player Omar Zaidi, a junior from Austin, Texas, on Mozart's "Rondo in D Major" and "Vocalise" by Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Another example is the string band "Random Noise," which includes two faculty members and three Terre Haute residents. Performing "Place in the Choice" and "Hand Me Down My Walkin' Cane" will be guitar musician Ruth Waite, a professor; banjo artist David Voltmer, another professor; 12-year-old fiddle player Sarah Waite; dulcimer artist Larry Dimick, associate pastor of the Memorial United Methodist church; and vocalist Janice Dimick.

Other duets feature professors Charles Kyker and Mark Ball in Mozart's "Non Piu Andrai" from Le Nozze di Figaro, while professor Luanne Tilstra and Ball will perform a piano duet in "C.S. Theme and Variations" by Randall Compton.

Piano soloists include Eric

Leonhardt, a freshman from Hammond, performing "Agean Wave" by Suzanne Ciani and "Interlude I" by Chip Davis and Mannheim Steamroller; Christopher Helmke, a sophomore from Stafford, VA, performing Chopin's "Grande Valse Brillante in E-flat Major"; Adrian Reid, a freshman from Fairfield, IL, performing Joplin's "Maple Leaf Rag" and "Solace"; and John Ashbaugh, a junior from Fort Wayne, performing Chopin's "Nocturne."

Jason Snyder, a senior from Sand Springs, OK, will perform his own song, "Once And For All," during the program.

A five-student cappella vocal group will perform "I'll Fly Away," "There's Power In The Blood," and "A cappella." The group includes juniors Gregory Hayworth, Michael Kohlmeier and Kyle Massey, and freshman Eric Hansen and Brent Minnick.

Bryan Taylor, director of publications, will be master of ceremonies for the program.

For more information, persons can call 877-8346.

SGA begins look at summer internship program

by Brian Niepoky
SGA Historian

On Tuesday March 16, Senator Jeff Wrana and Vice President Rob Wallace presented a proposal before the student Senate to look into the possibility of bringing a summer internship program to Rose-Hulman. The Senate overwhelmingly passed the resolution, realizing that Rose-Hulman does need to establish some type of summer internship program.

The idea first started after hearing several Seniors complain that they couldn't find a job be-

cause they had no experience. At the same time, underclassmen were complaining that they couldn't find any summer work in the field of science and engineering.

The resolution calls for the establishment of an independent committee to contact other schools, administration, and the business community to investigate the feasibility of such a program. The committee, chaired by Senator Wrana, will be made up of approximately ten students from both the student

Senate and the student body. The committee also hopes to pick up a few faculty members to serve on the committee.

The committee will present a preliminary report on its findings on the May 4th Senate meeting. At that time, the Senate will consider the report and decide on any further action.

The committee is currently looking for additional members. If you are interested, whether faculty or student, please contact the SGA office, extension 8446 or through SGA box 172.

SGA announces class president elections

by Sean McPeak
SGA Publicity Committee

Presidential elections are just around the corner. Freshman, sophomores and juniors who are interested in running should pick up petitions in the SGA office. It is important for students to take an active role in their school, and the position of class president would be an excellent way to do so. An information session with FREE PIZZA will be held on March 31,

from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the GM room. Current class presidents will be attending to answer questions.

The individual class presidents are responsible for organizing different events as well as representing their class at any official functions. The senior class president normally organizes the Senior Formal. Previous junior class presidents have arranged the Suitcase Dance. This year the

sophomore class president planned a ski trip, and the freshman class president traditionally organizes a Kings Island trip. All class presidents are also voting members of the student Senate.

The elections will be held Tuesday, May 4. SGA would like to urge all students to consider taking a more active role in their class and school by considering the position of class president.

Opinion

— Letter to the Editor —

Letter to the Editor

Note from the Editor: This letter by two Rose students details some of the bad experiences which they have had with their landlord. While this particular case is hopefully the exception rather than the rule, we hope that it makes clear the fact that there are landlords out there in Terre Haute of whom we need be wary.

To the Rose-Hulman Student Body:

I am a senior living off campus. The house in which I live is reasonably acceptable for a Rose student. It is conveniently located at 3025 Schaal Ave., about three miles from campus. Its location, however, is the only benefit of this house. The foundation has eroded, leaving no level floor surface in the house. The sump pump in the basement runs often to compensate for the leaky basement. The wiring is substandard and a fire hazard. The appliances are old and at times non-functional. The exterior paint is faded and peeling.

All of these inadequacies could be overlooked, and often were. To top it all off though, the landlord perceives that her tenants rent from her for exclusive rights to improve the house. She told my housemates and me that she would provide the paint if we wanted to paint the house (for free). She also informed us that if we wished to wrestle out the rot-

ten cores of two water heaters which were in the basement, she would find some way of disposing of them.

Aside from the living conditions, the landlord is deceptive in her practices. When she is showing the house to prospective renters, she underestimates the average utility costs. She has on one occasion hidden our posted gas and electric bills, so that the prospective tenants would not see them. She also lied about services she would provide for the house. She told us that the carpets would be cleaned before we took residence. They were not. She said that the linoleum floors in the kitchen and bathroom would be swept and mopped. They were not. In the lease it was written that the first month's light bulbs would be furnished. She refused to supply a fluorescent tube for the bathroom because "...we don't use that light any more."

As if being deceptive were not enough, our landlord is frequently unprofessional. Within one month of our residency, she had personally insulted each one of us. She called Bill O'Connell a Bitcher, because he called to inquire about the carpets that were not cleaned. She said that Brian Goodman was crazy for sleeping under the loft which he had built. She told Chris Vana that his room was a mess and that his mother must be glad that he had moved out. She also said to his face that

even though he has the looks, he will never have a girlfriend because his bad attitude would always scare the women away. She said to Bill that I was stupid for being engaged. This all happened within the first month of occupancy. To add to this unprofessional claim, in a recent privacy dispute, she resorted to name calling. Among other things, she called me a "baby" numerous times, and told me that my parents did a terrible job of raising me. She also said that a certain administrative figure at Rose-Hulman, with whom she claimed to be good friends, was shocked at what I had done. In talking with this administrative figure, I was told that our landlord was not in good standing with this individual, nor had she been for quite a long time. This administrative figure was not

even aware of the dispute between her and I.

Lastly, and most offensively, our landlord does not respect the rights of her tenants. She does not realize that she cannot enter the house whenever she wants. That same administrative figure, whose name she had dropped, informed me that there have been problems in the past with her "keying-in" whenever she wants. This is blatantly NOT LEGAL. In the lease a line reads, "The lessor has the right to show house for rent." She has vocalized that this line entitles her or her husband to enter the house at any time without prior notice. I have not been to a law library yet to verify the Indiana statutes, but in Michigan, a landlord must give at least 24 hours notice before showing the

house for rent. On more than one occasion, the landlord has given less than four hours notice, one time only giving thirty minutes notice. Though I do not yet have the legal backing, I feel as though my rights as a tenant have been violated. As mentioned before, she also shows the house while no tenants are present, entering the house earlier to rearrange papers showing the amount of rent paid and the current utility costs.

Chris Vana and Andrew Stiles

If you would like more information on landlords and off-campus housing, stop by the Student Affairs office. They have a list of off-campus apartments still available and may be able to help you avoid considerable pain and agony.

The King tapes-Side B

by Kevin Neilson
German news guru

I am one of the three people in the world that never saw the Rodney King tape. Being at Rose, I never found time to watch the news and see a replay of the ubiquitous tape depicting the beating. When the jurors were picked for the second trial of the police officers involved in the case, it was announced that one of

the jurors also had not seen the tape.

He must have either been in a coma for the past two years or have been a student at an oppressive institute of technology.

The fact that everybody had seen the tape, however, had the result that everyone had a judgment on the police officers. Everyone knew they were guilty. Even I, from written newspaper descriptions of the videocassette, knew they were guilty. Then came the verdict that said otherwise.

I felt betrayed. Not by the courts, nor by the jurors, but by the media.

The verdict came as such a total shock because viewers of the networks had been led to believe that the case was open-shut, that there was absolutely no question of guilt.

The whole country can not sit in on a court case as a body of judging peers. That is why we leave the decision of guilt to a group of jurors, picked cooperatively by both prosecution and defense for their objectivity. This body represents a microcosm of our rational thinkers. This body is exposed to all the relevant information so it can make an well-informed decision.

The public is not. Therefore, when the verdict was pronounced, I thought, "Interesting. There must have been more of the tape, more information and testimony that I was not exposed to, upon which these rational people came to conclusion."

Unfortunately, others did not think along these lines.

The case of Rodney King was never meant to be a test case. It was not designed to determine whether L.A. police as a rule abuse blacks, nor did its verdict state that this was not the case. This was a trial of one particular man, four particular officers, and one incident.

The citizens of L.A. were not present at the incident, nor present at the trial which tried to recreate it. Yet they still felt as if they had the power to judge the case on the basis of what they knew. And they were so ardent in their belief, that they denied the results of the trial. They assumed that the jurors were either secretly conspiring with the KKK,

that they were legally blind, or just all on drugs. And that's what they will continue to assume if the present trial ends likewise.

When I was young, I once, under severe provocation, pushed my younger brother lightly. He exaggerated his response, falling melodramatically on the floor. On his way down he hit his head.

"Dad," he cried. "Kevin pushed me."

The Judge stepped onto the scene. "Did you push him?" Dad asked.

I tried to answer without responding unequivocally.

"Yes or No," mandated Father.

"Yes," I responded.

Upon that limited information Dad convicted me. It was true that I was guilty of pushing my brother, but had Dad seen more of the evidence, he may not have been so hasty in his decision.

This is what the court is meant to prevent. It does not do a perfect job of this, but is the fairest solution we have found to date. To assume that the jurors, our peers, with their repository of information, erred, whereas we, with our limited biases, are just, is to completely undermine the concept of due process.

In no American court is the accused assumed guilty before the trial begins. It is unfortunate that this principle does not reign in our society. Morton Greenberg, an appellate judge, expresses it well: "It will be a sad day for this country when criminal cases are decided in accordance with public opinion shared by media exposure rather than by a jury on the basis of the evidence before it." I concur.

There is no reason to believe that the federal trial, a maneuver that smells strongly of double jeopardy, will result in a different judgment than the first. How can it, when the criteria for conviction are even stronger? Whatever the judgment, I will accept the decision of the jury of peers.

My own judgment I will reserve until I read the court notes. I hope everyone else will do the same.

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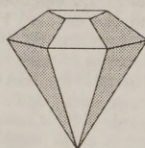
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ICAC baseball starts Saturday

The Engineers finally have some good weather to play in this weekend. It would be advantageous if they are able to play their season opener against Hanover Saturday at Rose's home Art Nehf Field. The Engineers have had several games cancelled lately due to inclement weather.

Roose continued its streak on Wednesday, lifting their perfect record up to nine wins this season. They took Wabash in both games, 5-2 and 10-0, on the turf at Sycamore Field.

Rose kept up its exceptional moundwork in the double-header. Shawn Brainard added another win to his perfect record, and re-

tained his 0.00 earned run average. In the second game against the Little Giants he pitched nine strikeouts in just five innings. Tim Watson had six strikeouts in the first game to improve his record to 2-0. Senior Eric Mihal is temporarily inactive due to a shoulder injury.

Offensively, the Engineers have been more than productive enough to stay on top. Going into the Wabash games there were nine batters with averages over .300. Junior Brandon Hollis was a perfect 4-for-4 in the first game on Wednesday. The team had ten hits in the game, though only five batters made it across home plate.

The second game of the series featured ten runs on eleven hits.

The Engineers can expect a little more competition from Hanover College tomorrow though. Last year Rose finished the season at third place in the ICAC, right behind Hanover. According to Coach Jeff Jenkins, the team isn't invincible. "The 9-0 start is great, but it's a long season and we're not satisfied yet. If we play defense like we did in the first game against Hanover on Saturday, we'll find ourselves 9-1 real fast."

For those who can't make it to Art Nehf Field on Saturday, they can tune into the action on WMHD, starting at 1 p.m.

Tennis team grabs a win

Jim Broskow
Sports Editor

The Rose tennis team managed to pull one out last weekend against Brescia College. The Engineers lost both the first and second singles matchups, but the next four men won their matches to put the team in charge. The singles wins included a two set shutout by Brian Brown in the sixth singles.

The victory was sealed by wins in doubles matches by the Son Cao-Karl Ammerman and

Mark Heckenlaible — Josh Long teams. The net score was 5-4 in favor of Rose.

Said senior Tony McAllister of the team's first win of the season, "It was a good win for us. Brescia was all around a pretty solid team. It's important that we play well now with the Kerry Seward Tournament and the Hilton Head trip coming up."

The Kerry Seward Tournament is scheduled for next weekend, April 2nd and 3rd, in Crawfordsville.

Golf team finishes third at Hanover Invite

Two-time All-ICAC Chris Posey lead the team to a third place finish in the Engineers' first outing of the season. Franklin won the invite with a score of 314, and Rose was edged for second place by host Hanover by one stroke, at 318. Posey was 5th overall on the day at 6 over par, followed by Mark Williams in 6th place, just one stroke behind. Among the teams Rose finished ahead of were Wabash College and

Anderson University. According to senior Matt Remke, "We did pretty well for our first trip of the season. The course wasn't too difficult, but it wasn't a bad start for the season."

The Engineers travel to Galesburg, Illinois for the SiWash Classic today and tomorrow. Among the teams Rose will compete against are host Knox College and neighboring Monmouth College.

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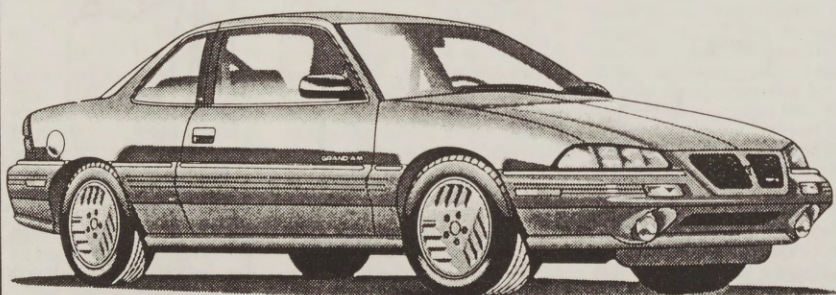
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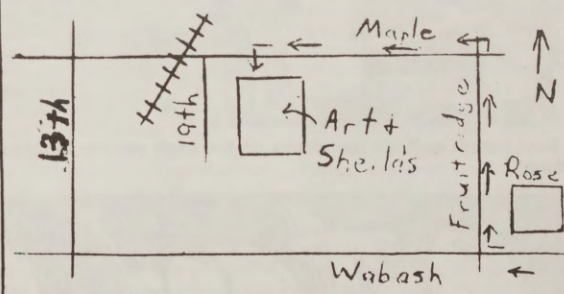
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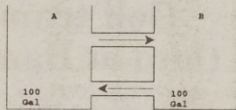
March Problem
N. Abrouk
Department of Mathematics, RHIT

Problem 1 (proposed by Y. Shibberu)
Consider two 100 gallon tanks of water connected together by two pipes. Water is continually circulated between the tanks at 100 gallons per hour. Salt is added to each tank. The differential equations which model the amount of salt in each tank are

$$x_1' = -x_1 + x_2$$

$$x_2' = x_1 - x_2$$

where x_1 is the amount of salt in tank A and x_2 is the amount of salt in tank B. Assume that at $t = 0$, 10 lbs of salt is added to tank A. What is the minimum amount of salt that must be added to tank B at $t = 0$ in order to prevent the amount of salt in tank A from falling below 8 lbs before $t = 30$ minutes?



Problem 2 (proposed by B. Brock)
The Reduction of Order Formula for the general third order linear homogeneous differential equation.
Given two linearly independent solutions $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ to

$$y''' + p(x)y'' + q(x)y' + r(x)y = 0.$$

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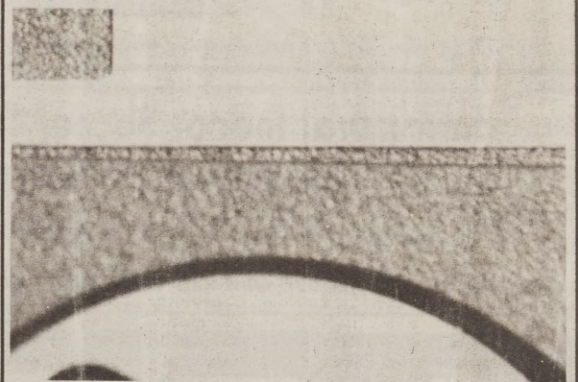
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